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vive without a loss. Isaac Bullock of Provo was another one on the boat. He had some money in his pocket; after the explosion it was all at his feet.

Her father got them all together as soon as possible and, after counting them, he said, "Martha's gone." He rushed back onto the boat and found her in the hull, where she had fallen when the hatch door blew up. She was not hurt, only a bad bruise from being hit with the door.

They stayed at Lexington, Missouri, for six weeks. Their bedding and luggage were all wet and it required some time to repair the damage done to their belongings.

Father Young bought three yoke of cattle, three cows, a wagon, a tent and everything they needed for the trip to Utah. They were well fitted for comfort and had plenty to eat, as her mother with forethought had prepared well for this long journey.

After traveling for 10 weeks, the disease of cholera broke out in their camp. On the 2nd of July, Father Young was stricken. He lived five days and died, being buried without a coffin. Her mother had a nice bedspread she had made and wrapped his body in it, then a heavy linsy quilt. In this way he was laid in his grave.

After his burial they traveled that morning with heavy hearts. Their trip from then on was uneventful. They had no more sickness or death. They arrived in Salt Lake Valley on September 24, 1852.

All were thrilled with joy as they gazed on the beautiful valley, the mountains, the lake and the nest of houses called the city.

In 1855, Martha's mother's family moved to Provo. In 1857 she and her sister married John and Robert Duke. In 1860 they moved to Provo Valley, later called Heber. After leaving the fort, Martha and John took up land east of town. Later they gave a tract of this land to the town for a cemetery.

Martha lived in Heber the remainder of her life, passing away December 28, 1914.

ROBERT STONE DUKE

Robert Stone Duke was born April 14, 1837, in the state of New York. His parents were early converts to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. As a boy he lived in Nauvoo and was acquainted with Joseph Smith. He remembered the



martyrdom of the Prophet very well, and also was at the meeting of the saints when the mantle of Joseph Smith fell on Brigham Young, and he bore testimony of this until his dying day. When mob violence became the rule in Nauvoo, the Dukes were among those who were forced to leave.

They became pioneers of Utah and Heber Valley. He came to Heber from Provo and carried a plow on his back. He settled just west of the cemetery section and made his home there for over 60 years.

Robert S. Duke became bishop of Heber East Ward and was a servant to his people. He visited the sick, comforted the bereaved, and ministered to the poor. His last twenty years were served as a Patriarch of Wasatch Stake. For many years he collected milk from the valley farmers and delivered it to Hatch's creamery, north of town. He was loved and respected by all who knew him. He died June 16, 1923.

Annie Ross Young Duke was born July 13, 1839, in Nashville, Tenn. Her father was a carpenter and cabinet maker. He also made beautiful hardwood caskets. Her mother was a seamstress and learned to be a tailor and made men's clothing. Her parents heard the elders of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, accepting the gospel in Nauvoo in 1843. They lived in the basement of John D. Lee's home while her father was building them a two-story brick home.

Her father worked on the Nauvoo Temple and he and her mother had their endowments therein. They lived there until the saints were driven out, in 1846. That summer all the family came down with "chills and fever." Her youngest brother died there.

When they left to come west they were on the ill-fated boat "Saluda," that blew

up at Lexington, Mo. Over 150 people were killed. They stayed there about six weeks, drying their bedding and luggage. Her father bought three yoke of cattle, a wagon and everything necessary for the trip west. They came in Captain Tidwell's company. Her father died of cholera on July 5, 1812.

She married Robert S. Duke on March 6, 1817, in Provo, Utah. They moved to Heber Valley in 1860. She was an ardent Church worker all her life, serving as Stake Relief Society president for 12 years and as president of the YWMA 18 years. She also prepared hundreds of people for burial, making most of the clothing by hand. She died January 14, 1926.

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RACHEL HORROCKS DUKE



Rachel Horrocks Duke was born December 26, 1853, at Lancashire, England, daughter of John and Ann Horrocks. She died April 24, 1942, in Provo.

She married Robert Stone Duke on November 11, 1872, at the Salt Lake Endowment House. He was the son of Jonathan Oldham and Mary Stone Duke. He was born April 14, 1937, at Albany, New York.

Their children: Mrs. Aldoras (Mary Ann) Dayton, Mrs. Albert (Adelia) Richens, Robert Roger, Mrs. John J. (Emily Jane) Sellers, Lyman, Mrs. Nels (Betsy) Anderson, and Mrs. John W. (Katy Lenhart) Hoover.

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miles to Church on Sunday morning and then walk back at night. Their home was headquarters for the elders.

When Rachel was 11 the family sailed for America. While grandfather and her brother were arranging the passport, etc., grandmother's brother stole her away. (We always thought that she was drugged, for she loved her husband and family and would not have left them voluntarily.) It was three and one-half years before the family could raise enough money to send for her. She had aged terribly. Her black hair was snow white.

They were six weeks crossing the ocean in a sailing vessel, "The Arkwright," landing at Castle Gardens and spending several days preparing for the trek across the plains. They spent nine weeks on the plains, walking most of the way. Rachel developed mountain fever (typhoid) and was delirious for days. Grandfather said: "I'm afraid we are going to lose our girl and have to bury her on the plains." Her brother said: "Never; we started with her to Zion and there she will go." She commenced to get better, but very slowly. When they reached Heber, some of their friends who had left England earlier came to meet them.

There were many hardships those first years. The homes were dirt-roofed cabins and tiny lights compared to their moderately comfortable home in England. Money was hard to obtain. Flour was \$14 for 100 pounds, and everything in proportion. In England they observed the Sabbath day and were not used to swearing and profanity, so when they came here and found the opposite they felt they had left Zion.

At socials and meetings the whole family was called on to sing, as they were all good singers. Rachel had a wonderful alto voice and sang in the stake choir many years. At the time the Wasatch Stake Tabernacle was dedicated she sang the obligato in one of the anthems and received much praise.

The year Rachel immigrated, my father (Robert Stone Duke) was sent to meet the immigrants. Joseph Taylor, who was a friend of the Horrocks family, asked Robert Stone Duke to try and bring the Horrocks family, but he was one day late arriv-

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In his boyhood days he herded cows on the foothills, for there were no pastures in those days.

As a young man he was a leader in the social life of the community. He was placed in many offices of responsibility and leadership in the Church. He served as president of the YMMIA in both the stake

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He was a farmer and RFD mail carrier 30 years to the Daniel, Center, and Lake Creek area. He never missed a day, driving horse and buggy and Model T Fords.

After retiring from delivering mail he helped his sons get timber from the mountains to the sawmills and mines.

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DR. WILLARD J. DRAPER



Dr. Willard J. Draper was the son of Charles H. and Nettie Harris Draper. He was born January 4, 1921, at Layton, Utah. He was accidentally killed by a gunshot wound June 4, 1958, and was buried in Heber City Cemetery.

On June 13, 1945, he married Helen Martin. They were the parents of three children: Martin Berry, Diane, and Robert C. Draper.

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He and his mother moved to Heber after her marriage to James Carlisle. He lived in Heber until 1924, when he and his wife Emma moved with their children to Provo.

Eli George Durnell and Emma Johnson were married June 11, 1902. Emma Johnson was born in Heber City on July 23, 1880, to Mr. and Mrs. Ola Johnson. She was reared in Heber and attended school there.

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George is a member of the Peace Officers' Association, having served as president, and a member of the Elks Lodge. He is a member of the LDS Church, being baptized at the Endowment House in Salt Lake City.

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Elisha Jones Duke was born at Heber on September 1, 1865, to John and Mary Jones Duke. He married Malinda Cummings on February 9, 1887, in the Logan Temple. She

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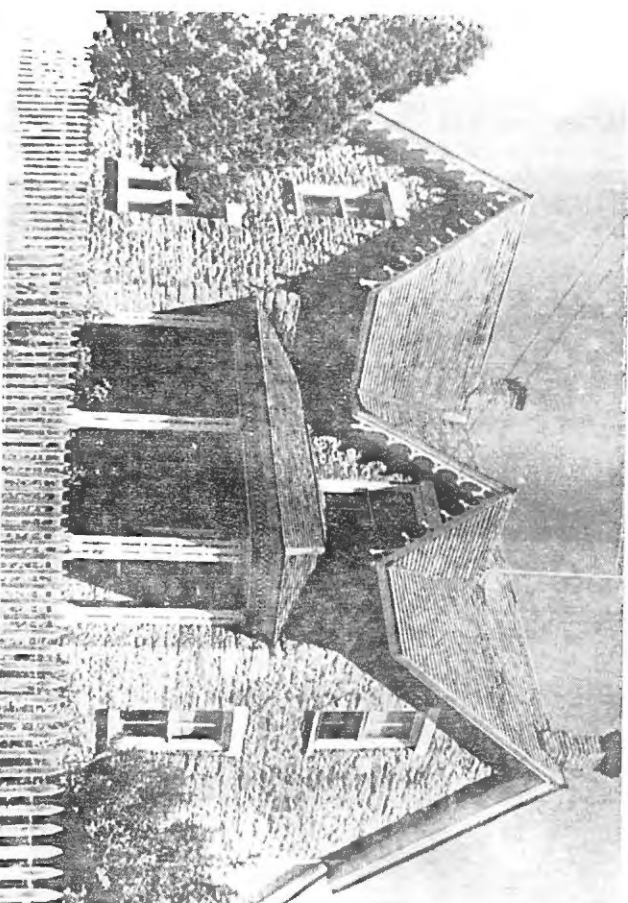
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JOSEPH THOMAS AND MARGARET WATSON THOMAS

Joseph Thomas was the son of Charles and Elizabeth Carter Thomas, converts to the Church in their homeland of Herford County, England. They came to the United States on the ship "Sheffield" and made their home in Nauvoo from 1841 until the mob drove the saints out. They then settled in Council Bluffs, Iowa, where Joseph was born November 12, 1846.

They crossed the plains in the Briant Jolley company, arriving in Salt Lake September, 1852, where his father was a blacksmith.

When Heber valley was settled, in 1859, Joseph's older brothers, Elisha and Charles, were among the first to settle there. Soon he came to join them. When the Blackhawk War broke out he joined the Cavalry company, with William Wall as captain, and took supplies to the Indians on the Duchesne when our people were trying to make peace, being gone eight days on the trip.

On January 7, 1867, he married Margaret Watson. They first lived at Heber, then at Hooper in Weber County. Returning later to Heber for a time, he took up a homestead on Center Creek. Here he cleared and fenced a very good farm and built a house for his wife and family. He was the father of 11 children, most of them born on the farm.

They seemed to be prospering very well when, late in February, 1886, he contracted pneumonia.

All that possibly could be done was done in an effort to save his life, but he died March 4, 1886. His dear wife was so worn out from his sickness that she became ill from the same disease and died March 18, 1886, leaving a large family without a father or mother.

Joseph Thomas was a fine, strong, healthy man, a kind father and husband, jolly and good-natured, and was respected by all who knew him. He was very kind to his family.

His wife was a good helpmate and mother. She was born July 17, 1850, at Fifeshire, Scotland, daughter of James and Janet Campbell Watson. They were among the early settlers in Heber Valley.

Their children were: Joseph W., Agnes Irinda, Sarah Elizabeth, Janet Campbell, Margaret Elinor, Jessup W., Maude, John Ernest, and Harold.

THOMPSON FAMILY



The ancestors of the Thompson family were born of English parents. George Thompson was born on April 7, 1798, at Hull, Yorkshire, England. He came to Utah in 1853. His wife, Jane Goldthrop, was born March 12, 1807, at Barsow, Lincolnshire, England. She came to Utah in 1856. George Thompson was a very religious man and was strong in his faith. He had the gift of speaking in tongues. George Thompson was drowned while fording Provo River.

William Thompson was born on December 19, 1829, at Hull, Yorkshire, England, son of George and Sarah Goldthrop Thompson, and he came to Utah with his father in 1853.

William married Sarah Fenn in 1856. She was born August 3, 1842, daughter of William and Sarah Fenn.

In 1859 they moved from Provo to Heber and lived about a year. He then went back to Provo, where he resided about two years, returning to Heber, where he remained the remainder of his life.

He was a mason by trade and also made adobes used for lining houses to make them warmer. He was an Indian war veteran.

William and his wife, Sarah, would go into the fields and gather straw that she used to make into beautiful hats. She was one of the first hat makers in Heber. The

straw was smoked or smouldered and then she would braid it to make her hats. She would shape the hats over a large wooden block. She would leave early in the morning take her cycle and dinner and gather the kind of straw she used.

Some days her daughter, Mary Ann, would make biscuits to take to her parents in the fields, and they would soak them in water, which was their dinner. They usually went to the fields west of the cemetery to gather the straw.

She was always busy and was a kind and loving mother. All fifteen of her children embraced the gospel. Sarah died shortly after her last baby's birth. When she died 14 children were left, the youngest nine years old.

She had a pleasant disposition, never complaining, and had a smile for everyone. She never sat with her hands idle in her lap, always busily knitting, mending or sewing. She was a wonderful woman who believed in multiplying and replenishing the earth. Fifteen times she gave birth to new spirits, and finally gave her life to accomplish this wonderful feat. What more could a woman do than this?

God would well bless such a dear mother.

DAVID ALEXANDER TODD

David Alexander Todd was born December 4, 1868, at Heber City, Utah, during the Blackhawk Indian war. He was a son of Thomas Todd and Margaret Shankland Todd and was the youngest in a family of nine children. He married Josephine Marie Moulton at Heber City on November 28, 1907, and five children were born to them: Dean M., Blaine A., Roy M., Ray M. and Josie. His wife and three of the children, Dean, Roy and Josie, are living at this time. Dean is married to Lois May Wherritt, Roy married LaRae Murdock Rhees and Josie married Grant Murdock Hicken.

David Alexander Todd was an old-fashioned American cowboy. He was not only the son of a pioneer family, but he may be classed as a pioneer in his own right. He helped subdue and build this county. While others were building roads in the valleys, he was blazing and building trails in the mountains.

In 1896 he helped to lay off the Wasatch Forest to the west of Heber. He and David N. Murdock took two pack mules loaded with surveying equipment to the top of Mt. Timpanogos and camped there overnight. So far as is known, this is the only instance of a camp ever being pitched for the night on top of this mountain. Several years later he assisted in the removal of 500 head of cattle from Antelope Island, in the middle of Great Salt Lake, to make room for a herd of buffalo. This was a very difficult task, because the lake was so high. The cattle had not been handled for years and were as wild as deer. They were finally loaded on a raft to cross the lake, and then were driven to Strawberry Valley.

He was a cattleman by profession, and always owned a fine herd of well-bred animals. He also was a lover of fine horses. His entire life was devoted to livestock and farming.

David Alexander Todd died on February 10, 1940, at Heber City, Utah, at 79 years of age. He was buried in Heber City Cemetery.

THOMAS TODD JR. AND HARRIET RICHARDSON TODD

Thomas Todd Jr. was born in Salt Lake City, Utah, February 18, 1856, son of Thomas Todd Sr. and Margaret Shankland. His father was born in Penport, Dumfriesshire, Scotland, on January 28, 1821, and his mother was born in Durrisdeer, Scotland, November 12, 1826. They were married in Scotland on January 25, 1850, and came to Utah in 1854. The family consisted of five sons and four daughters.

The family settled in Salt Lake City and moved to Spanish Fork while the men were called to Echo Canyon to waylay Johnston's army. They moved to Heber in 1860. Their home was first a cellar and then a log cabin. Years later a large stone house was built, which stands today as a monument to their thrift and memory.

Thomas Todd Jr. hauled most of the rock for it. He was a favorite of his father and helped much, being the only son to grow to manhood until the last son, Alexander, was born.

Not too much is known of his early life.

ABE W. TURNER

Abe W. Turner was born on April 26, 1893, to William L. and Jane Hatch Turner. He received his early education in the Heber City schools and the University of Utah, and graduated from Georgetown University in Washington, D. C., in 1916.

In 1917 he married Merline Roylance of Provo. They lived there until Abe's appointment to the Supreme Court. Abe was

widely known in Utah legal and Church affairs. He was chairman of the Utah County Democratic party, was elected judge of the Fourth Judicial District and was appointed to the Utah State Supreme Court Justice from 1943 to 1946. At this time he moved to Salt Lake City.

Abe and Merline had two children, William R. and Dorothy.

Abe died on May 25, 1947, following a short illness.

JOHN MUIR TURNER

John Muir Turner was born December 27, 1877, at Heber, Wasatch County, Utah, son of John and Agnes Montgomery Turner. He was the eighth child of 12 children. He received his education in a school-

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house where the Heber First Sixth Ward now stands. After a few years there he attended Central School, a building located where the present Central School now stands. He graduated from the eighth grade and was considered a well-educated young man.

As a young fellow he helped his father with farming and the cattle business. In the summer his father had a sawmill, and young John would work there also. Later on, his folks built a store and a theater and he helped by carrying the hod for the entire job.

As a boy he liked baseball and became a fairly good player. He later worked on the Ontario Drain Tunnel, where the Park Utah mine at Keetley now is.

In 1903, when the telephone exchange was built at Heber, he found a job constructing the lines. That same year he went to St. Louis, Missouri, to work, staying there until the fall of 1904. He went to the World's Fair several times and had the pleasure of showing friends and relatives from Heber around the fair.

When he arrived home from St. Louis he stayed but a short time. There was a gold rush at Goldfield, Nevada, and there was much excitement. So, with Joe Averett and Louis Jaspersen, they rigged up a sheep wagon and a team of horses and set out to seek their fortunes. This trek required 23 days before Goldfield was reached.

While working there, his father died. However, he never received word of his death until about sixty days later, because he was out prospecting for gold. As soon as he was notified he made preparations to return home.

After his return home from Nevada he